## Office of the Mayor



## Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role apprenticeships provide in creating a qualified and highly-skilled workforce in diverse industries in the City of Pekin and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the advancement and well-being of the United States of America depends upon the continued development of skilled workers in their chosen fields; and

WHEREAS, an ever growing number of job creators and career seekers are discovering the benefits of apprenticeship's unique learn-while-you-earn model; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pekin recognizes that robust apprenticeship programs provide tangible value to both job creators and apprentices, with the potential to increase productivity, improve diversity and inclusion, and reduce recruitment and training costs while providing a pathway to prosperous careers for job seekers; and

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is an opportunity to recognize the positive impact apprenticeships have on the Pekin workforce and economy as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, MARK A. LUFT, Mayor of the City of Pekin, Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2020 through November 14, 2020, to be

## "NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK"

in the City of Pekin, Tazewell County, Illinois and I urge all citizens to recognize and support the purpose and value of Registered Apprenticeship training.

ADOPTED, this 9th day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Two thousand and Twenty.

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